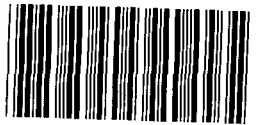


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DATE: August 18, 1992

TO: Carol L. Campbell, Chief  
Superfund Management Branch

FROM: Greg Oberley, Environmental Scientist  
Superfund Technical Section

SUBJECT: Richardson Flat Tailings Briefing Information - Senator  
Wayne Owens Meeting

Duprey has indicated we  
hold any further work on  
Richardson Flats. I  
now agree after reading  
all this. Please  
discuss w/ McCeney  
and then  
we can  
further

The wells in question by the Senator were installed by  
ERB/TAT. The PRP is claiming that improper installation and  
location of the wells have flooded the landfill. Mike McCeney  
and Mike Zimmerman are in charge of responding to these charges.

The "... procedural and substantive irregularities..."  
referred to are a best guess on my part as a lot of this unfolded  
before Paul or I arrived.

There was an October 5, 1988, meeting between EPA and then  
Congressman Owens. Also mentioned in a letter dated October 5,  
1988, from Owens to EPA were "...procedural and substantive  
irregularities..." The November 21, 1988 letter to Owens from  
EPA discusses Richardson Flat Tailings vs Prospector Square and  
attempts to describe how EPA and Congress's approach to  
Prospector Square was an "exception to the Agency's practice" or  
a procedural irregularity.

Congressman Owens again wrote to EPA on February 27, 1989,  
making claims that EPA was not following agreements previously  
made and that Richardson Flat Tailings was not being evaluated in  
the same light as Prospector Square. I am unable to find a  
response to this letter. I believe that this letter came in  
about the time that the section was being re-staffed. I have  
looked for a final draft of this response letter before today and  
have been unable to find it. All I can find is a draft. There  
may have never been a final draft of the response letter, because  
when I arrived Tom's files were in pretty good order.

The Senator has tried to set up a meeting with Guimond on  
this site again this summer. EPA HQ denied that original  
request. I think with the new allegations that EPA has

contaminated the aquifer, EPA has decided to meet with the Senator. I will be forwarding this information along with the what ever ERB and Remedial send for briefing material to EPA HQ to prepare Guimond for the meeting. If you have additional input please let me know.

Attachments

cc: Paul Arell  
Robert Duprey  
~~Diana Shannon~~ SK